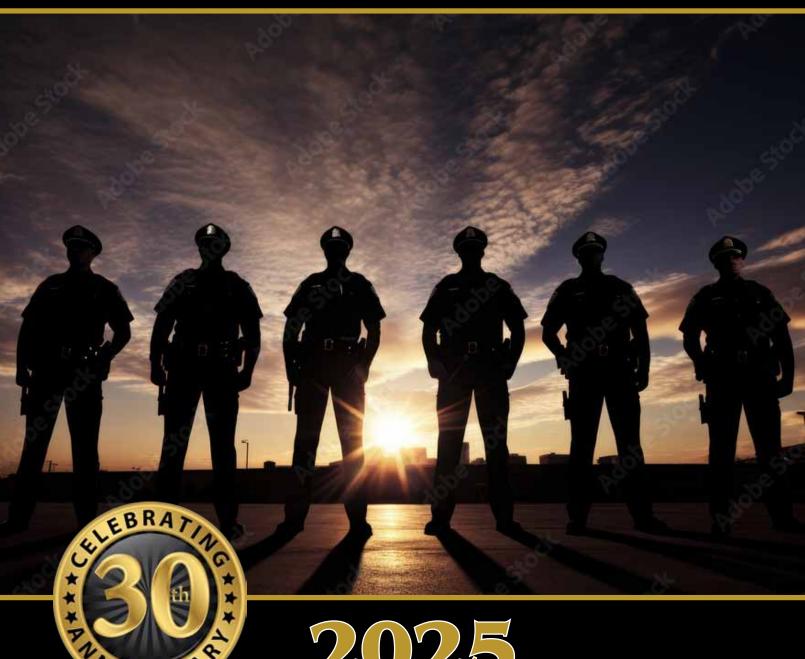
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30th Anniversary Annual Awards Dinner

May 7th 2025



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Dear NPDF Members and Supporters:

May 7, 2025

Welcome to the National Police Defense Foundation's 30th Anniversary Awards Gala where we will recognize our distinguished honorees while celebrating the long-term successes and achievements of the NPDF over the past three decades.

In 1995, my wife Angela and I established the NPDF at a point when there was a significant increase in armed assaults against our police as it became a widespread practice for criminals to make fabricated allegations of misconduct against the law

enforcement officers to insulate themselves from prosecution.

As I look back, the NPDF membership started with a handful of law enforcement members and within thirty years we have grown to over 210,000 members and supporters nationwide and in twelve foreign countries. My prior experience as the President of the Federal Agents PBA Local 121 taught me that it was important to cooperate with other police unions and fraternal organizations nationwide. Our approved IRS 501 (c) (3) status was instrumental in raising substantial funds for their officers who were either seriously injured or killed in the line of duty.

As a Federal Agent, I saw firsthand how these drug cartels and crime syndicates were victimizing children through their nefarious criminal activities. In response, I established "Operations Kids," which is a multifaceted, child safety program which posts rewards for the safe recovery of kidnapped children, identifies, and prosecutes pedophiles operating on the internet, as well as arranging lifesaving operations for critically ill children worldwide.

Furthermore, the NPDF established our congressionally recognized and federally trademarked "Safe Cop" program. We have been extraordinarily successful in posting a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person who shoots at a law enforcement officer or makes a death threat online or through social media, anywhere in the United States. The Safe Cop program also provides financial assistance to the officer's family when their loved ones are critically ill, seriously injured, handicapped, or die in the line of duty.

In retrospect, I volunteered my efforts as the Founder and Executive Director to initiate these important law enforcement programs out of my love and respect for law enforcement. Now, since Angela and I are transitioning into semi-retirement, we will forever cherish all these memories and successes achieved by the NPDF. It is my fervent hope that the NPDF will continue to protect, defend and support the efforts of law enforcement for another thirty years with continued success!

Fraternally yours,

SSA Joseph Occhipinti (Ret.) Founder & Executive Director

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear NPDF Member and Supporter:

May 7th, 2025

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Welcome to Russo's on the Bay to join us for our 30th Anniversary and the 2025 National Police Defense Foundation's Annual Awards Night. This evening, we honor a few prestigious men and women who have bravely distinguished themselves in the Law Enforcement profession. We also bestow recognition and praise on a professional and a member of the media respectively, for their inspiring respect and admiration for the brave men and women of Law Enforcement in America.

The NPDF is proud to bestow our coveted "Woman of the Year Award" on US Coast Guard Admiral, Zeita Merchant as well as our "Man of the Year Award" to US Border Czar, Tom Homan for their dedicated service to our Country and our noble profession.

We are also honored to recognize United States Marshal, Ralph Sozio from the Southern District of New York with our prestigious "Lifetime Achievement Award" and proud to confer our "Member of the Year Award" on ASAC Anthony Lacorazza of the US Secret Service.

With great pride we award our 2025 NPDF "Humanitarian Award" to accomplished actor-director, Gary Sinise, for his unwavering support of Law Enforcement and the Armed Forces of the United States of America. This year's "Excellence in Media Award" is proudly presented to New York Post Reporter, Joe Marino for recognizing the daily sacrifices made by Law Enforcement Officers in America.

In closing, I'd like to thank you all for coming this evening and supporting the National Police Defense Foundation. Let us enjoy each other's company in a show of appreciation and admiration for our distinguished honorees.

Fraternally,

Michael Palladino

Det. Michael J. Palladino (Ret.) President





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PROGRAM

COCKTAIL HOUR

MUSIC PROCESSION

Port Authority Police of NY & NJ Pipe and Drum Band

PRESENTATION OF COLORS

New York City Police Department Port Authority Police of New York & New Jersey

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Police Officer Michele Nicolas
Port Authority Police of New York & New Jersey

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Gianna, Tyler & Allegra Malecki, Gabrielle & Matthew Tonelli and Shane Rizzo

INVOCATION & SPECIAL MEMORIAL PRAYER

Monsignor Robert Romano Deputy Chief Chaplain, New York City Police Department

OPENING STATEMENT

SSA Joseph Occhipinti (Ret.) NPDF Founder & Executive Director

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Master of Ceremonies

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CLOSING PRAYER

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NYPD Jazz Band
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WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Rear Admiral Zeita Merchant

US Coast Guard

Rear Admiral Zeita Merchant assumed the duties of Commander, Personnel Service Center (PSC) in Washington, D.C., in June 2024. In this capacity, she is responsible for executing the Coast Guard's human resource and talent management policies by recruiting, accessing, assigning, developing careers, maintaining well-being, compensating, separating, and retiring the nearly 45,000 members of the active duty and reserve work forces.

Prior to her assignment to PSC, Rear Admiral Merchant served as the Commander, U.S. Coast Guard Sector New York and Captain of the Port, where she demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the safety, security, and sustain ability of our Nation's most consequential marine transportation system. Her unmatched operational expertise in leading large-scale, multi-jurisdictional incident responses solidifies her status as one of the Coast Guard's top certified emergency managers and crisis response leaders.

Rear Admiral Merchant is a career operations ashore officer with tours across multiple units with a concentration in marine safety and security operations. Her operational excellence spans directing operations across Lake Michigan and along the Western Rivers as Commanding Officer, Marine Safety Unit Chicago. She also served as Executive Officer, Marine Safety Unit Texas City, Chief of Port Operations at Sector Miami and as a Marine Inspector and Port Operations Officer at Marine Safety Office New Orleans. Beyond operational roles, her strategic insight has been pivotal serving as Special Assistant to the 27th and 28th Vice Commandants, an U.S. Congressional Fellow, and an Executive Strategic Planner.

Rear Admiral Merchant's academic achievements include a Doctor of Business Administration, Master of Quality Systems Management, Master of Public Administration, and a Bachelor of Science in Biology. Her commitment to academic excellence is further exemplified by her fellowships at both Harvard Kennedy School of Government's Belfer and Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Seminar XXI National Security and Foreign Affairs.

Rear Admiral Merchant's accolades include a Legion of Merit, multiple Meritorious Service Medals, Coast Guard Commendation and Achievement Medals, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medals, Commandant's Letters of Commendation, and prestigious civic honors including two honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees. She is also the Coast Guard's 2018 Captain David H. Jarvis Inspirational Leadership Award winner and an Honorary Chief. Rear Admiral Merchant's legacy extends beyond operational prowess with her dedication to philanthropy, volunteerism, and mentorship of future leaders, solidifying her inspirational role within the military landscape and leaving an enduring impact on the Coast Guard and the Nation.





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THE SENATE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

STATE HOUSE, TRENTON, N.J.

JOINT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

By Senator VITALE, Assembly Speaker COUGHLIN, and Assemblywoman LOPEZ

WHEREAS, Rear Admiral Zeita Merchant, highly esteemed in the Garden State, will be honored by the National Police Defense Foundation during its Thirtieth Anniversary celebration on May 7, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, The Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey are pleased to recognize

Zeita Merchant upon this felicitous occasion and commend her extraordinary professional
accomplishments, which have earned for her the prestigious Woman of the Year Award; and,

WHEREAS, In June 2024, Zeita Merchant, the first African-American woman to be appointed Rear Admiral in Coast Guard history, was named Commander, Personnel Service Center in Washington, D.C., where she has the tremendous responsibility of overseeing human resources and talent management policies for the nearly 45,000 members of the Coast Guard's active duty and reserve workforce; and,

WHEREAS, Prior to her current role, Zeita Merchant ably fulfilled the position of Commander, U.S. Coast Guard Sector New York and Captain of the Port, where she demonstrated a steadfast commitment to the safety, security, and sustainability of our nation's most consequential marine transport system; and,

WHEREAS, Within all spheres of her life and work, Zeita Merchant has established a model worthy of emulation and set a standard of excellence toward which others might strive; and,

WHEREAS, It is altogether fitting and proper for the members of this Legislature to pause in their deliberations to acknowledge Zeita Merchant and to praise her as an individual of strong character and exceptional determination; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

That this Legislature hereby commends Zeita Merchant, pays tribute to her meritorious record of service, leadership, and commitment, and extends sincere best wishes for continued success in all of her future endeavors; and.

Be It Further Resolved, That a duly authenticated copy of this resolution, signed by the Senate President and the Assembly Speaker and attested by the Senate Secretary and the Assembly Clerk, be transmitted to Rear Admiral Zeita Merchant.



Addison B. Hinrichs Secretary of the Senate



Clerk of the General Assembly

Nicholas P. Scutari President of the Senate

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MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Thomas "Tom" Douglas Homan US Border Czar

Thomas Douglas Homan was born November 28, 1961 is a former police officer, immigration official, and political commentator who served during the Obama administration, the first Trump administration and has now been appointed to serve in the second Trump administration as Border Czar. He served as acting director of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) from January 30, 2017 to June 29, 2018.

Tom Homan was born in West Carthage, New York, into a Roman Catholic family. His father and grandfather were West Carthage police officers as well. He received an Associate Degree in criminal justice from Jefferson Community College and a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from SUNY Polytechnic Institute. In 1983, he also became a West Carthage police officer.

In 1984, Tom joined the Immigration and Naturalization Service, serving as a Border Patrol agent, investigator, and supervisor. He was appointed by President Barack Obama as Immigration and Customs Enforcement's executive associate director of enforcement and removal operations in 2013.

On January 30, 2017, President Donald Trump appointed Tom as acting director where In May 2017, he announced ICE had arrested 41,319 people between Inauguration Day and the end of April, a 38% increase from the same period the year before. On November 14, 2017, Trump nominated Tom Homan for ICE Director where he retired from that position as acting ICE Director in June 2018 and began contributing to Fox News as a commentator.

In July 2019, Tom testified before the House Oversight Committee regarding illegal entry into the USA. He declared that a third of all women who cross the border get raped, and that turning a blind eye to the border would result in an increase of child mortality. On January 20,2025 Tom Homan began serving as Border Czar in the second Trump administration where, within 36 hours of President Trump taking office Tom oversaw the arrest of over 460 illegal aliens who were accused of murder, rape, robbery and other serious crimes in their country of origin.





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THE SENATE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

STATE HOUSE, TRENTON, N.J.

JOINT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

By Senator VITALE, Assembly Speaker COUGHLIN, and Assemblywoman LOPEZ

WHEREAS, Thomas Douglas Homan, highly esteemed in the Garden State, will be honored by the National Police Defense Foundation during its Thirtieth Anniversary celebration on May 7, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, The Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey are pleased to recognize Thomas Douglas Homan upon this felicitous occasion and commend his extraordinary professional accomplishments, which have earned for him the prestigious Man of the Year Award; and,

WHEREAS, A former police officer, immigration official, and political commentator, who served during the Obama administration and the first Trump administration, Thomas Douglas Homan is currently utilizing his extensive knowledge and experience as the United States Border Czar, the immensely consequential role he assumed on January 20, 2025, and within thirty-six hours, he oversaw the arrest of more than four hundred sixty undocumented immigrants who had been accused of crimes in their native countries; and,

WHEREAS, Within all spheres of his life and work, Thomas Douglas Homan has established a model worthy of emulation and set a standard of excellence toward which others might strive; and,

WHEREAS, It is altogether fitting and proper for the members of this Legislature to pause in their deliberations to acknowledge Thomas Douglas Homan and to praise him as an individual of strong character and exceptional determination; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

That this Legislature hereby commends Thomas Douglas Homan, pays tribute to his meritorious record of service, leadership, and commitment, and extends sincere best wishes for happiness in the future; and,

Be It Further Resolved, That a duly authenticated copy of this resolution, signed by the Senate President and the Assembly Speaker and attested by the Senate Secretary and the Assembly Clerk, be transmitted to Thomas Douglas Homan.





Nicholas P. Scutari

President of the Senate

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HUMANITARIAN AWARD

Gary Sinise
Actor
Emmy/Golden Globe
& Tony Award Winner

Gary Sinise's stage, film and television career has spanned more than four decades. In 1974, at 18 years old, he co-founded Chicago's Steppenwolf Theatre Company. Twenty years later, for his performance as Lt Dan Taylor in Forrest Gump, he received nominations for Golden Globe, Screen Actors Guild and Academy Awards, and earned the Best Supporting Actor Award from the National Board of Review and the Commander's Award from the Disabled American Veterans.

For over 40 years, Gary has stood as an advocate on behalf of America's service members. It began in the early '80s, supporting local Vietnam veteran groups in the Chicago area, and into the '90s, when his portrayal of Lt. Dan formed an enduring connection with service members throughout the military community, and as he worked on behalf of the Disabled American Veterans organization, which he continues to actively support today. Following the attacks of September 11, 2001, Sinise's dedication to our nation's active-duty defenders, veterans, first responders and their families has become a tireless crusade of support, service and gratitude for all those who protect our freedom and serve our country.

In 2011, to expand upon his individual efforts, he established the Gary Sinise Foundation with the mission to serve and honor America's defenders, veterans, first responders, Gold Star families and those in need. The foundation remains committed to finding new and exciting ways to give back to those who sacrifice for our nation and encouraging others to do the same has become his personal quest and what he hopes will endure as a legacy of service to others.

The National Police Defense Foundation is proud to present Gary Sinise with our 2025 Humanitarian Award.





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THE SENATE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

STATE HOUSE, TRENTON, N.J.

JOINT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

By Senator VITALE, Assembly Speaker COUGHLIN, and Assemblywoman LOPEZ

WHEREAS, Gary Sinise, highly esteemed in the Garden State, will be honored by the National Police Defense Foundation during its Thirtieth Anniversary celebration on May 7, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, The Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey are pleased to recognize Gary Sinise upon this felicitous occasion and commend his immeasurable contributions in furtherance of the greater good, which have earned for him the prestigious Humanitarian Award; and,

WHEREAS, An award-winning actor and director and a staunch advocate for United States military service members since the 1980s, Gary Sinise has devoted his time and energies in support of the Disabled American Veterans organization, and he is especially appreciated for establishing the Gary Sinise Foundation, which he founded in 2011 with the worthy mission to serve and honor this nation's defenders, veterans, first responders, Gold Star families, and those in need; and,

WHEREAS, Within all spheres of his life and work, Gary Sinise has created a model worthy of emulation and set a standard of excellence toward which others might strive; and,

WHEREAS, It is altogether fitting and proper for the members of this Legislature to pause in their deliberations to acknowledge Gary Sinise and to praise him as an individual of strong character and boundless determination; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

That this Legislature hereby commends Gary Sinise, pays tribute to his meritorious record of service, leadership, and commitment, and extends sincere best wishes for continued success in all of his future endeavors; and,

Be It Further Resolved, That a duly authenticated copy of this resolution, signed by the Senate President and the Assembly Speaker and attested by the Senate Secretary and the Assembly Clerk, be transmitted to Gary Sinise.





Clerk of the General Assembly

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Speaker of the General Assembly





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LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Ralph Sozio

U.S. Marshal for the Southern District of New York

Ralph Sozio was appointed on December 5, 2019, as the 46th United States Marshal for the Southern District of New York (SDNY).

A graduate of Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, New York, Marshal Sozio's career in Law Enforcement spans over thirty years, beginning with the Westchester County Public Safety Emergency Force. In 1997, he joined the New York City Police Department and was assigned to the 45th Precinct in the Bronx, NY.

On September 11th, 2001, Police Officer Sozio responded to the World Trade Center terrorist attacks. Over the next few months, he spent long days at "Ground Zero" assisting in recovery operations with other law enforcement and first responders.

In March 2002, U.S. Marshal Sozio joined the United States Secret Service where he enjoyed an illustrious career working in the Bank Fraud, Electronic Crimes Task Force, Counterfeit Undercover Operations and Protective Operations. He led the protective security planning and operations for a high volume of visits by the President of the United States, and foreign Heads of State and Government in the New York metropolitan area, served as the protection liaison to state, local, and federal law enforcement, government, business, and media leaders. Assignments included Pope Benedict's Yankee Stadium visit and later, Pope Francis' visit to St. Patrick's Cathedral in NYC, among other high level protection assignments. He prepared the security plan for then Presidential candidate Trump's residence and later supervised the security detail for President Trump's residence and the First Family Operations in New York City.

U.S. Marshal Sozio is responsible for the principal oversight of the United States Marshals Service Southern District of New York Office, all investigative, protective, and administrative matters for the district which encompass Manhattan, Bronx, Westchester, Rockland, Orange, Putnam, Dutchess, and Sullivan Counties with a populace of approximately 5.1 million people. He was directly responsible for developing and maintaining collaborative working relationships with all federal law enforcement agencies, state and local police departments and United States Attorney's Office and served as the Federal liaison to the federal government agencies in the district, business, media, and many civic leaders.

The National Police Defense Foundation is proud to present U.S. Marshal Ralph Sozio with our Lifetime Achievement Award.





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THE SENATE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

STATE HOUSE, TRENTON, N.J.

JOINT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

By Senator VITALE, Assembly Speaker COUGHLIN, and Assemblywoman LOPEZ

WHEREAS, U.S. Marshal Ralph Sozio, highly esteemed in the Garden State, will be honored by the National Police Defense Foundation during its Thirtieth Anniversary celebration on May 7, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, The Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey are pleased to recognize Ralph Sozio upon this felicitous occasion and commend his extraordinary professional accomplishments throughout many years, which have earned for him the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award; and,

WHEREAS, An illustrious graduate of Pratt Institute in Brooklyn who launched his outstanding law enforcement career more than thirty years ago with the Westchester County Public Safety Force, Ralph Soxio joined the New York Police Department in 1997 and the United States Secret Service in 2002, and today, he serves with distinction as the 46th United States Marshal for the Southern District of New York, the consequential role tasked with the immense responsibility of overseeing all investigative and administrative matters for a region that includes Manhattan, Bronx, Westchester, Rockland, Orange, Putnam. Dutchess, and Sullivan Counties which boast a combined population of about 5.1 million people; and,

WHEREAS, Within all spheres of his life and work, Ralph Sozio has established a model worthy of emulation and set a standard of excellence toward which others might strive; and,

WHEREAS, It is altogether fitting and proper for the members of this Legislature to pause in their deliberations to acknowledge Ralph Sozio and to praise him as an individual of strong character and exceptional determination; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

That this Legislature hereby commends Ralph Sozio, pays tribute to his meritorious record of service, leadership, and commitment, and extends sincere best wishes for continued success in all his future endeavors; and.

Be It Further Resolved, That a duly authenticated copy of this resolution, signed by the Senate President and the Assembly Speaker and attested by the Senate Secretary and the Assembly Clerk, be transmitted to U.S. Marshal Ralph Sozio.



Addison B. Hinrichs Secretary of the Senate



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EXCELLENCE IN MEDIA AWARD

Joe MarinoNew York Post Reporter

Joe Marino is a New York City crime reporter, photographer, film maker and producer, born, raised, and based in Brooklyn, New York. Although he originally planned to study acting and theater, Joe eventually graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in politics from New York University's College of Arts and Sciences.

In 2007. Joe worked his way into New York's iconic 'picture paper,' the New York Daily News, as a photographer hustling the breaking news and crime beat. Joe's central journalistic and artistic preoccupation over the following eight years would revolve around documenting the human drama of New York City through the lens of true crime and breaking news. Whether it be the inconsolable and senseless loss of life due to street violence, or the sometimes-heroic saves, he wanted to create a visceral and complete living history of life in New York City where every neighborhood, victim, community affected was worthy of having their story told. Joe captured images of perps, scoundrels, heroes, lawmen, and most importantly - everyday New Yorkers.

Joe has been recognized by the New York Press Club, and the New York Press Photographers Association with work also featured in the New York Times, Newsweek, People and the HBO documentary, 'The Newburgh Sting.'

In 2018, while making his rounds Joe listened to police and fire scanners where he then photographed newsworthy stories where he later produced and directed his first short film, 'Nightside', an after-hours look at New York City on the true crime tabloid beat.

Today, Joe Marino is a senior law enforcement reporter at the New York Post. For the last four years he's delved into the impact on New York State's Criminal Justice reform legislation on the public safety landscape, while taking deep dives into the impact of transnational criminal groups in New York City since the New York City's migrant crisis with in-depth, nationally syndicated reporting on Trene de Argua, Los Diablos 42, and other cross-national criminality with nexuses to New York City such as narcotics, gun and human trafficking.

The NPDF is proud to present Joe Marino with our Excellence in Media Award.





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STATE HOUSE, TRENTON, N.J.

JOINT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

By Senator VITALE, Assembly Speaker COUGHLIN, and Assemblywoman LOPEZ

WHEREAS, Joe Marino, highly esteemed in the Garden State, will be honored by the National Police Defense Foundation during its Thirtieth Anniversary celebration on May 7, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, The Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey are pleased to recognize Joe Marino upon this felicitous occasion and commend his extraordinary accomplishments, which have earned for him the prestigious Excellence in Media Award; and,

WHEREAS, An illustrious graduate of New York University, Joe Marino got his start as photographer working the breaking news and crime beat in 2007 with the New York Daily News and he currently serves as a senior law enforcement reporter with the New York Post, a consequential role in which he has delved into the impact of the State of New York's criminal justice reform legislation on the public safety landscape; and,

WHEREAS, An array of accolades, including New York Press Club and New York Press Photographers Association awards, attests to the high regard in which he is held by all who know of his outstanding accomplishments, and his work has been featured in The New York Times, Newsweek, People, and in the HBO documentary The Newburgh Sting, and,

WHEREAS, Within all spheres of his life and work, Joe Marino has established a model worthy of emulation and set a standard of excellence toward which others might strive; and,

WHEREAS, It is altogether fitting and proper for the members of this Legislature to pause in their deliberations to acknowledge Joe Marino and to praise him as an individual of strong character and boundless determination; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

That this Legislature hereby commends Joe Marino, pays tribute to his meritorious record of service, leadership, and commitment, and extends sincere best wishes for continued success in all his future endeavors; and,

Be It Further Resolved, That a duly authenticated copy of this resolution, signed by the Senate President and the Assembly Speaker and attested by the Senate Secretary and the Assembly Clerk, be transmitted to Joe Marino.





Nicholas P. Scutari

President of the Senate

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Speaker of the General Assembly





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MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Anthony Lacorazza

Assistant to the Special Agent in Charge (ATSAIC) United States Secret Service

Anthony Lacorazza was born in Manhattan and raised in Brooklyn, New York in a close knit Italian American community.

Anthony's law enforcement career has spanned for more than twenty-four years. Following the footsteps of his father, a retired NYPD Lieutenant, Anthony began his career as a NYPD Police Officer. After serving with honor and distinction for three years, Lacorazza joined the United States Secret Service as a Special Agent.

Anthony has conducted several investigative, protective and administrative assignments within the Secret Service. He has previously supervised the New York Field Office Financial Crimes Task Force. Currently Lacorazza is an Assistant to the Special Agent in Charge (ATSAIC) and supervises the US Secret Service New York Field Office's Protection Squad. In this role he has been involved with the protection of nations and world leaders while in NYC.

Anthony is a proud member of the NYPD Columbia Association which is the fraternal organization of NYC Italian American police officers. He also sits on the Executive Board of the First Responders Children's Foundation and Chapter One of the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (FLEOA).

Anthony is also a proud member of the Italian American Police Society of New Jersey's Executive Board where he serves on some key committees. Anthony leverages his law enforcement relationships from the Tri-State area to help expand that organization and serve more charitable causes while supporting law enforcement officers. Special Agent in Charge Lacorazza resides in Cranford, NJ with his wife and two sons.

The National Police Defense is proud to present Special Agent in Charge Lacorazza with the NPDF's Member of the Year Award.





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THE SENATE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

STATE HOUSE, TRENTON, N.J.

JOINT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

By Senator VITALE, Assembly Speaker COUGHLIN, and Assemblywoman LOPEZ

WHEREAS, Anthony Lacorazza, highly esteemed in the Garden State, will be honored by the National Police Defense Foundation during its Thirtieth Anniversary celebration on May 7, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, The Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey are pleased to recognize Anthony Lacorazza upon this felicitous occasion and to commend his extraordinary accomplishments which have earned for him the prestigious Member of the Year Award; and,

WHEREAS, Anthony Lacorazza's exemplary career in law enforcement has spanned more than twenty-four years, beginning in the NYPD, where he served with distinction a Police Officer for three years before joining the United States Secret Service, where he has risen to the rank of Special Agent in Charge and expertly supervises the United States Secret Service New York Field Office's Protection Staff, which is tasked with the immensely consequential responsibility of ensuring the safety world leaders during their time in New York City; and,

WHEREAS, Within all spheres of his life and work, Anthony Lacorazza has established a model worthy of emulation and set a standard of excellence toward which others might strive; and,

WHEREAS, It is altogether fitting and proper for the members of this Legislature to pause in their deliberations to acknowledge Anthony Lacorazza and to praise him as an individual of strong character and exceptional determination; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

That this Legislature hereby commends Anthony Lacorazza, pays tribute to his meritorious record of service, leadership, and commitment, and extends sincere best wishes for continued success in all his future endeavors; and,

Be It Further Resolved, That a duly authenticated copy of this resolution, signed by the Senate President and the Assembly Speaker and attested by the Senate Secretary and the Assembly Clerk, be transmitted to Anthony Lacorazza.





Dana M. Burley Clerk of the General Assembly

Nicholas P. Scutari President of the Senate

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Speaker of the General Assembly



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Office of the Director

Washington, D.C. 20535-0001

April 15, 2025

Mr. Joseph Occhipinti Founder and Executive Director National Police Defense Foundation Suite C, Building 2 21 Kilmer Drive Morganville, NJ 07751

Dear Mr. Occhipinti:

On behalf of the FBI, I am pleased to congratulate you and all the members of the National Police Defense Foundation (NPDF) on your 30th Anniversary and wish you a successful celebration.

This noteworthy event will, I am sure, generate much reflection on the history and accomplishments of the NPDF, as well as its individual members past and present, whose dedicated efforts helped establish the great heritage of this organization. I also want to extend my gratitude to this year's distinguished honorees for their outstanding contributions to the law enforcement community. These patriots devoted their lives to protecting the American people and making our country a better, safer place to live, and the United States has greatly benefited from their expertise and commitment over the years. The men and women who put their lives on the line every day to defend our values deserve to be recognized for their bravery and selflessness. All of us in the Bureau understand this is a no-fail mission, and it takes collaboration between federal, state, and local law enforcement partners to ensure everyone can pursue the American dream.

I am honored to work alongside the NPDF and our exceptional law enforcement partners across the country to strengthen national security, uphold law and order, and secure a prosperous future for our children.

Kashyap P. Pate

Director

Sincerely yours





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UNITED STATES POSTAL INSPECTION SERVICE

INSPECTOR IN CHARGE - NEW YORK DIVISION

February 5, 2025

Mr. Joseph Occhipinti
Founder & Executive Director
National Police Defense Foundation
21 Kilmer Drive
Building 2, Suite C
Morganville, NJ 07751

Dear Mr. Occhipinti,

On behalf of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service's New York Division, I am honored to accept your invitation to attend the National Police Defense Foundation Awards Gala scheduled for May 7, 2025.

I would like to extend my congratulations on the anniversary of the National Police Defense Foundation and the remarkable work you have done throughout the years in support of law enforcement and the communities they serve. This year's Awards Gala is a testament to the Foundation's commitment to advancing vital programs and initiatives that protect and support our officers.

The National Police Defense Foundation has played an essential role in providing scholarships, funding critical programs like "Operation Kids" and "Safe Cop", and ensuring that the safety and well-being of our brave officers, and their families, remain a top priority. The Foundation's impact on both law enforcement professionals and the public is truly commendable.

I would also like to take a moment to honor this year's distinguished honorees. Their dedication to the law enforcement community exemplifies courage, service, and leadership.

Congratulations once again to the National Police Defense Foundation on the anniversary, and to this year's award recipients. I look forward to witnessing the continued success of your efforts in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Brendan Donahue Acting Inspector in Charge New York Division

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STEVEN G. JAMES
Superintendent

February 5, 2025

Mr. Joseph Occhipinti Founder & Executive Direction National Police Defense Foundation 21 Kilmer Drive, Building 2, Suite C Morganville, New Jersey 07751

Dear Mr. Occhipinti:

On behalf of the New York State Police, I would like to extend my congratulations to all the honorees of the National Police Defense Foundation.

Your hard work, dedication, and unwavering commitment to support law enforcement professionals do not go unnoticed. The efforts you put forth in advocating for officer safety, assisting families, and ensuring the well-being of those who serve are truly commendable. Your contributions strengthen the law enforcement community and make a lasting impact on officers and their families.

Thank you for your continued service and dedication. Please know that your efforts are deeply appreciated and valued.

Sincerely

Steven G. James

Superintendent





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May 7, 2025

National Police Defense Foundation 21 Kilmer Drive, Building 2, Suite F Morganville, New Jersey 07751

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the New Jersey State Police, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to all the honorees of the National Police Defense Foundation's (NPDF) 30th Annual Awards Dinner. This year's recipients truly embody the Foundation's mission to safeguard and support the noble work of law enforcement. The unwavering dedication of the Foundation and its members to law enforcement, first responders, and the citizens of New Jersey is both commendable and deeply appreciated. Your commitment to service and protect makes a lasting impact, and we honor your invaluable contributions.

The National Police Defense Foundation, one of the largest police foundations in the nation, is dedicated to supporting law enforcement and child safety initiatives. As a vital organization, the NPDF plays a crucial role in enhancing public safety, advocating for justice, and providing essential resources to officers and communities. Its acclaimed "Operation Kids" program offers free child fingerprint/DNA kits to parents, sponsors youth athletic events, posts rewards for missing children, issues scholarships, funds, Project Pedophile, and arranges lifesaving medical treatment for critically ill children worldwide earning the personal endorsement of John Walsh and recognition on the "CBS Early Show." To combat online predators, the program also launched "Project SAFE NET," offering a \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond for tips leading to the federal arrest of internet-based pedophiles. The NPDF is also nationally recognized for providing free medical and psychological services to disabled law enforcement officers, including financial aid for medical debt and confidential counseling through its partnership with the "COP 2 COP" program. Established in 1995 and entered into the "Congressional Record," the NPDF's trademarked "Safe Cop" program posts up to a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone who shoots a police officer, helping to bring cop killers to justice. Expanding on this mission, the "Save a First Responder" program offers a similar reward for attacks on police, fire, and EMS personnel, while the "Save a K-9 Officer" initiative addresses the alarming rise in armed assaults on K9 police dogs.

Once again, congratulations to the award recipients, and a sincere thank you to the National Police Defense Foundation for your continued efforts to support those who serve their local communities daily.

Sincerely,

Patrick J. Callahan

Colonel Superintendent

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Joseph Occhipinti Executive Director National Police Defense Foundation 21 Kilmer Drive, Bldg 2, Ste C Morganville, NJ 07751

Executive Director Occhipinti,

On behalf of the New York Field Division of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives (ATF), I would like to thank you for your continuing support and commitment to the brave members of the law enforcement community. Your Foundation provides invaluable support to our law enforcement family year after year, which is paramount to our continued success.

The Foundation's financial assistance to law enforcement families during times of tragedy, educational scholarships, and other programs are deeply appreciated and incredibly impactful. Your work has also strengthened the partnerships between federal, state and local law enforcement agencies, as the values and roles of law enforcement are continually tested.

I am grateful for your efforts and would be honored to join you at the annual luncheon to celebrate the accomplishments of our law enforcement professionals. Congratulations to this year's honorees!

Bryan R. Miller Special Agent in Charge





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February 6, 2025

Mr. Joseph Occhipinti Founder and Executive Director National Police Defense Foundation

Dear Mr. Occhipinti,

On behalf of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) in the New York Field Office, I am honored to attend the National Police Defense Foundation's (NPDF) 30th Anniversary 2025 Awards Gala and extend our highest commendations to all of the distinguished honorees on their remarkable achievements.

The NPDF has assisted law enforcement officers, families, children, and victims of public safety and crime during adversity for three decades. The foundation's commitment to helping the general public and providing invaluable programs to our communities is commendable. While we live in a world where challenges and changes are constant, I find it imperative that our officers, children, and families can depend on foundations, such as the NPDF, to provide support. Whether through legal assistance, medical aid, or financial relief, I am proud to encourage the NPDF's efforts to promote public safety and protect our dedicated law enforcement officers.

Through programs such as Operation Kids, the foundation has promoted public safety by providing children with free identification cards and assisting with cases involving missing children. Another key program, SAFE COP, offers justice for officers wrongfully accused, advocacy for officer rights, and assistance to officers injured in the line of duty.

The strength of our community depends on our willingness to support each other. I wish continued success to the foundation's exceptional work and the distinguished honorees who will continue to impact today's society. Once again, I would like to thank the NPDF for upholding our shared mission values and your continued efforts to support law enforcement officers and the communities we serve.

Sincerely

Francis J. Russo

Director, Field Operations New York Field Office

U.S. Customs and Border Protection





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May 7, 2025

Mr. Joseph Occhipinti Executive Director National Police Defense Foundation 21 Kilmer Drive Morganville, NJ 07751 Mr. Michael J. Palladino President National Police Defense Foundation 21 Kilmer Drive Morganville, NJ 07751

Dear Executive Director Occhipinti, President Palladino and Friends and of the NPDF:

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate the National Police Defense Foundation (NPDF) on the occasion of tonight's 30^{th} Annual Awards Dinner. Tonight's event will not only raise much-needed funding to support the fine works of the NPDF, but will also recognize your distinguished honorees:

US Coast Guard Rear Admiral Zeita Merchant, Woman of the Year

US Border Czar Tom Homan, Man of the Year

Award-Winning Actor Gary Sinise, Humanitarian Award

US Marshal SDNY Ralph Sozio, Lifetime Achievement Award

New York Post Journalist Joe Marino, Excellence in Media Award

US Secret Service ASAIC Anthony Lacorazza, Member of the Year Award

Having worked closely with your organization over the years on numerous cases, I am pleased to be able to call Mr. Occhipinti a friend. Please accept my best wishes for a successful 30th Anniversary event, and I pray that God continues to bless you for the work you do to support our law enforcement and help children around the world.

Sincerely,

Christopher H. Smith MEMBER OF CONGRESS

New Jersey's Fourth Congressional District





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Criminal Investigation

April 2, 2025

Joseph Occhipinti
Founder and Director
National Police Defense Foundation
Morganville, New Jersey 07751

Dear Director Occhipinti,

It is an honor to join you, the board members and the many distinguished guest at the 2025 National Police Defense Foundation's 30th Awards Gala. I would like to congratulate this year's award recipients. It is an outstanding group, demonstrating true public service!

I know you dedicate countless hours to organize this ceremony to honor the award recipients. Due to your dedication, commitment, and loyalty the event is always a success. Thank you for your continued support and for all that you have done for the law enforcement community.

On behalf of the IRS-Criminal Investigation in New Jersey, I wanted to say congratulations to today's award recipients. Their dedication makes communities a safer place to live and work.

Sincerely

Jenifer Piovesan

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Special Agent in Charge

Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigations

New Jersey Field Office.





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March 21, 2025

Mr. Joseph Occhipinti
Founder & Executive Director
National Police Defense Foundation
21 Kilmer Drive
Morganville, NJ 07751

Dear Mr. Occhipinti,

On behalf of Diplomatic Security Service's New York Field Office, congratulations to the 2025 distinguished honorees of the National Police Defense Foundation!

I would also like to express my gratitude to you, the executive board and the foundation for their continued support of the law enforcement profession. The work of the foundation in fostering collaboration reaches far beyond law enforcement by strengthening partnerships in public and private industries and the communities we serve and protect.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication and the kind invitation to the 2025 National Police Defense Foundation's 30th Awards Gala. It is my honor to join with the law enforcement community in recognizing these honorees and celebrating the excellent work of the foundation.

Sincerely,



Brian K. Wood Special Agent in Charge New York Field Office





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Message From Raymond A. Tierney Suffolk County District Attorney



To the National Police Defense Foundation (NPDF), Board Members and Distinguished Honorees:

I am happy to take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation for the NPDF and the critical work they do in support of law enforcement, public safety professionals, and the communities they serve. Your commitment to protecting those who protect us is both admirable and essential.

This prestigious event recognizes those who go above and beyond in service to our country, and tonight's awardees exemplify that spirit in every way. Congratulations to all the honorees on this well-earned recognition – you continue to set the standard for what service and leadership look like.

In a world that often overlooks the sacrifices of those in uniform, the NPDF continues to shine a light on them. I am grateful such an organization exists and hope their efforts continue to inspire others across the country.

Respectfully yours,

RAYMOND A. TIERNEY
DISTRICT ATTORNEY





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April 18, 2025

Mr. Joseph Occhipinti Founder & Executive Director National Police Defense Foundation 21 Kilmer Drive Building 2, Suite C Morganville, NJ 07751

Dear Mr. Occhipinti:

It is an honor to join you, the Board of Directors, and my law enforcement colleagues at the National Police Defense Foundation 30th Awards Gala. The men and women of the US Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) appreciate organizations like the National Police Defense Foundation (NPDF) who have a history of supporting the law enforcement community and their families.

The NPDF 30th Awards Gala provides an opportunity for law enforcement personnel to gather and celebrate their exceptional contributions to the community. The gala also serves as an opportunity to appreciate and recognize NPDF's critical role in strengthening the partnership between the community and law enforcement as we increase our enforcement, education, and prevention strategies to save more lives.

On behalf of the New York Division, I would like to congratulate this year's award recipients and thank you again for your partnership in making communities safer and healthier.

Sincerely,

Special Agent in Charge New York Division



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OPERATION KIDS

OPERATION KIDS PROGRAM

As part of "Operation Kids", the NPDF coordinated the following noteworthy humanitarian projects over the past 25 years that provided assistance, lifesaving operations and medical treatments for the critically ill and severely handicapped children worldwide listed below. These humanitarian projects often involved travel abroad, conferences with foreign government officials, procurement of State Department visas, liaison with police organizations and the transportation of children to the United States for lifesaving operations and medical treatment. The Operation Kids program has also worked in cooperation with police officers to assist in the search of missing children. These humanitarian programs are credited for fostering positive police relations within the US immigrant and minority communities.

Ekta Acharya Kendry Alcantara Lily LaRue Anderson

Jeffrey Baran Franchesca Batista Denny Benavides Leslie Benitez Jealine Borga

Nolan Boulter Miriam Briones-Meza

Militalli Briolles-Meza

Jack Brown

Ricardo Matias Cerrutti Cabanillas

Scarling Cabrera Cisne Calderon Alessio Cirelli Hezekiah Clark Claudia Digregorio Alejandro Gutierrez Timothy Hamlett Lisbeth Hernandez Joseph Hopkins Shannon Johnson Melanie Macias

Caden McGuire Emily Mendoza Mike Munoz Richard Murphy

Nathan Norman Kelly O'Donnell Grendel Santos Sameul Cuello

Eli Oltman Caitlyn Pallas

Gladys Pomavilla

Quadrique Pretlow

Emma Robertson

Lisbeth Rodriguez

Flor Rosangelo

Theresa Sankar

Tyler Seddon

Donato Navas Stalzer

Leandro Taveras

Kevin Tejada

Elizabeth Vasquez

Emily Veintimilla

Mytricia William Smith

Eli Waller

Melanie Macias

Camp Wonder

Claudia Digregorio

Dana Lizak

Carlos Montalvo

Reilly Miller

Volunteer Health Program LTD

Sebastian Ferraud Nicolas Villegas

Matias Orellana

Liby Risin

Maurice Wegner





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OPERATION KIDS LIFE SAVING OPERATIONS

As part of "Operation Kids", the NPDF coordinated the following noteworthy humanitarian projects that provided lifesaving operations and medical treatments for critically ill and severely handicapped children worldwide. These humanitarian projects often involve the NPDF's travel abroad for conferences with foreign government officials, procurement of State Department visas, liaison with police organizations and the transportation of these children to the United States for lifesaving operations and medical treatment.



Grendel de Jesus Moran, Dominican Republi In August 2017, a local New Jersey clergyman and some elected officials from Santiago, Dominican Republic asked for the help of "Operation Kids" in securing a cochlear implant for 18-month-old Grendel De Jesus Moran who has been deaf since birth. NPDF Director Joseph Occhipinti went to the American Embassy in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic and successfully lobbied consular officials to issue a humanitarian medical visa. The NPDF was successful in this endeavor through the help of the "Fresh Start for Kids Foundation" who arranged for the operation that took place at the Chicago Comers Children's Hospital in May 2018. The NPDF paid for all the air transportation, lodging and related expenses for the toddler and mother while undergoing medical treatment in the United States.



Leslie Denise Samuel Cuello, Dominican Republic Leslie is a 13-month-old girl who was suffering from stenosis of the esophagus and thus needed endoscopic dilation and surgery in the United States. NPDF Director Joseph Occhipinti lobbied consular officials at the American Consulate at Santo Domingo to issue Leslie a medical visa that enabled her to successfully undergo surgery at t Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in Manhattan.



Kendry Allantara Beltre, Dominican Republic Kendry was a newborn baby born with a severe birth defect that has created orthopedic problems that requires surgery in the United States. In March 2018, NPDF officials is attempting to locate a medical facility in the United States that is willing to do the surgery as a charitable case.



Nolan Boulter, United States Nolan was born with a very rare neonatal epileptic condition called KCNQ2 Encephalopathy that causes abnormal changes or mutations in a gene that are associated with seizures and impaired cognitive and motor skill development. Nolan's mom who is a federal agent asked for the NPDF's financial assistance due to outstanding medical debt and as a result a medical fund was established that has raised substantial funds to help the Boulter family.



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Denny Benavides, Ecuador In 2006, Denny Benavides was a five-year old boy suffering from a severe case of scoliosis that was complicated since his heart was on the opposite side of his body. At the request of a DEA Agent assigned to Guayaquil, Ecuador, NPDF Director Joseph Occhipinti helped secure a medical visa for Denny who was evaluated at Montefiore Hospital, Bronx, New York. Surgeons recommended that the surgery be performed when he becomes a teenager and in March 2018, Denny underwent a successful surgery in his homeland that was arranged by the NPDF. for him.



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Elizabeth Alexandra Vasquez-Liz, Dominican Republic The plight of Elizabeth came to the attention of the NPDF in April 2018 who was battling Leukemia and needed specialized cancer treatment in the United States. The NPDF contacted former Governor David Paterson who immediately contacted the President of Montefiore Hospital, Bronx, New York who arranged Elizabeth's cancer treatment as a charitable case. Elizabeth was initially issued a singleentry visa, however, when it expired the State Department declined to grant her an expedited visa appointment so she could continue her cancer treatment. NBC News profiled the plight of Elizabeth and in February 2019, NPDF Director Joseph Occhipinti accompanied Elizabeth to the American Consulate at Santo Domingo where the U.S. Consul General approved a multiple visa enabling her to complete her medical treatment in the United States.

Flor Rosangelo, Peru In December 2018, the NPDF was contacted to help secure a life-saving operation for one year old Flor who was born with a heart defect and is reportedly in heart failure. he NPDF through the assistance of the Gift of Life International is in the process of attempting to secure the surgery in the United States and recently arranged for the child to undergo a MRI in Lima, Peru.



Ekta Acharya, Nepal In March 2019, the NPDF was contacted by the sister of Ekta Acharya who is suffering from Kyphoscoliosis, a severe spinal deformity which needs immediate surgery. Despite the good faith efforts to secure a medical visa for Ekta, the State Department denied the visa request. The NPDF is working with the family to convince consular officials to issue the visa and or find an alternate country to perform the surgery.



Jeremy Jimenez In November 2020, the NPDF arranged and funded a complex surgery for Baby Jeremy Jimenez from the Dominican Republic who suffered since birth with a severe case of scoliosis. The NPDF coordinated with the Rotary Club in Cuenca, Ecuador where Jeremy underwent a successful surgery.

lan Bravo In March 2022, the NPDF arranged and funded a cochlear implant operation for five-year-old lan Flores from Santo Domingo, Ecuador. lan whose father is a police officer in Ecuador was deaf since birth causing speech difficulties and trouble comprehending. Ian was diagnosed with SEVERE DEEP BILATERAL NEUROSEBCORIAL HEARING with a poor prognosis for hearing recovery. Fortunately, a successful cochlear implant has fully restored lan's hearing...



Elias Flores-Mena In April 2022, The NPDF was requested by the Ecuadorian Police Foundation to coordinate with the Gift of Life, Inc, a life-saving heart operation for one-year-old Baby Elias Flores-Mena from Santo Domingo, Ecuador. Baby Elias has been suffering with severe coronary heart issues since birth and his case is actively being pursued.

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SAFE COP PROGRAM



In 1995, the NPDF established the federally trademarked and congressionally recognized "Safe Cop" program in an effort to address the serious increase of armed assaults on law enforcement officers nationwide. This law enforcement initiative posts up to a \$10,000 reward for public information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person who shoots at a law enforcement officer. In addition, the program has been instrumental in providing critical medical care, financial assistance and death benefits to law enforcement personnel either seriously injured or killed in the line of duty. Below is a list of officers the NPDF has provided services and posted rewards for over the past two decades.

Ecuadoran Police Officer Jorge Arias Ecuadoran Police Officer Angelica Borja FBI Special Agent Barry Bush New Jersey Police Officer Joyce Carnegie Ecuadoran Police Corporal Nancy Choto Massachusetts Police Officer Sean Collier New Jersey Police Officer Mary Ann Collura South Carolina Deputy Sheriff Dennis Compton Florida Police Officer David Crawford Aruba Police Officer Agberti Croes Florida Deputy Sheriff Michael Erickson Arkansas Corporal Barbara Ester New Jersey Police Officer Tyrone Franklin Virgin Island Police Officer Colvin Georges FBI Special Agent Sam Hicks Florida Police Officer Jeffrey Kobak Florida Police Officer David Curtis New Jersey Police Officer Steven Leone Police Officer Marty Leverton Florida Police Officer Karen Long New York State Trooper Joseph Longobardo New York State Trooper Donald Baker New Jersey Police Officer Christopher Matlosz New Hampshire Police Officer Nate Morrison New York City Corrections Captain Delvin Ponds New York Correction Officer Andrew Morgan Florida Deputy Sheriff Paul Rein Arkansas Patrolman Jonathon Schmidt Ecuadoran Lieutenant Sammy Vinueza Pennsylvania Police Officer Moses Walker

Georgia Police Officer Danny Rogers

Pennsylvania Police Officer Frederick Cione Border Patrol Barrett Blick Georgia Deputy Sheriff Cruz Thomas New York Police Officer Daryl Pierson Florida Police Officer Curtis Koebak New York Police Officer Dennis Guerra Florida Deputy Sheriff Jonathon Pine Connecticut Police Officer Kenneth Bateman New York Police Officer Rafael Ramos New York Police Officer Wenjian Liu New Jersey Patrolman Stephen Arkell New Jersey First Responder Tim Geoghegan ATF Special Agent William Sheldon DEA ASAC L. Alan Bassham ATF Special Agent Carlos Montalvo Louisiana Police Officer Brian Hanrahan Florida Deputy Maury Hernandez Pennsylvania Trooper Cpl. Byron Dickson Florida Deputy Michael Erickson Illinois Deputy Cuahtemoc Estrada FBI SSA Robert Levinson (ret) Arkansas Trumann Police Department Grant New Jersey Police Officer Brian Worell Kentucky Police Officer Jason Ellis Ohio Police Officer Kevin Brame HIS Special Agent Donald Pettit LA County Deputy Ryan Clinkunbroomer (CA) Herman Sergeant Mason Griffin (MO) Melvindale P.O. Mohamad Said (MI) Trooper Adam Cothron (TN) Blount County Deputy Greg McGowan





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Posted Safe Cop Rewards

It is the procedure of the Safe Cop program that the NDPF is immediately notified when there is an armed assault or shooting death of a law enforcement officer and the suspect is either at large or unidentified. The NPDF immediately contacts the appropriate Police Chief or high ranking official to offer the \$10,000 Safe Cop reward. The foregoing are descriptions of \$10,000 Safe Cop rewards that have been posted by the NPDF at an official department press conference or media interview. It should be noted that these Safe Cop reward posting is credited for the NPDF in developing important police liaison nationwide since 1995.

LA County Deputy Ryan Clinkunbroomer (CA)

Herman Sergeant Mason Griffin (MO)

Melvindale P.O. Mohamad Said (MI)

Trooper Adam Cothron (TN)

Blount County Deputy Greg McGowan

Travis County Sheriff Sergeant Craig Hutchinson

Philadelphia P.O. Michael P. Campbell

Wayne Township P.O. Brian Worell

Tampa P.O. David Curtis and Jeffrey Kocab

Philadelphia P.O. Moses Walker, Jr.

Philadelphia P.O. Frederick Cione

Greenland NH Police Chief Michael Maloney

San Francisco Sgt. Brian McDonnell

Anaheim KY K-9 Officer Bruno

Orlando Deputy Nadine Erickson

LAPD Michael Edwards

Puerto Rico Lt. Jose Cordova

PA Trooper Byron Dickson

Cook County Deputy Cuauhtemoc Estrada

P.A. Trooper Paul G. Rickey

Philadelphia Moses Walker

Americus GA Inspector Nicholas Smarr

Mahomet P.O. Jeremy Scharlow

San Diego P.O. Jonathan DeGuzman

San Antonio P.O. Benjamin Macroni

Corrections Officer Henry Wright

Fairfield NJ P.O. Veneziano

Maryland Trooper Wesley Brown

Norfolk VA P.O. Edward Decker

Cobb County GA Deputy Donny Rogers

Darien CT P.O. Kenneth Bateman

Maywood IL P.O. Thomas Wood

Waldwick NJ P.O. Christopher Goodell

LAPD P.O. Fred Earley

Dayton P.O. Kevin Brame

Puerto Rico Special Agent Soto-Velez

Perryopolis PA P.O. Richard

ATF S/A John Capuno

Bardstown KY P.O. Jason Ellis

Auburn MA P.O. Ronald Tarentino

Travis County Sgt. Craig Hutchinson

Johnson City Deputy Sonny Smith

NYC Correction Officer Henry Wright

Georgia P.O. Jody Smith

Rochester P.O. Jeremy Nash

Clinton P.O. Gary Michael

New Kensington P.O. Brian Shaw

Baltimore Det. Kevin Davis

Cordele P.O. Brian Lewis

Washington DC Sgt. Tony Mason, Jr.

Washington Trooper Nate Dawson

Georgia State University P.O. La Toya Denise Crook

Newcomerstown P.O. Bryan Eubamks

Harris County Chief Deputy Clinton Greenwood

Miami-Dade P.O. Charles Wood

Miami-Dade P.O. Scotty Hamilton

Pikesville KY police Officer Scotty Hamilton

Statesville NC Tyler Horn

Camden County NJ Det. Devin Henry

Camden County NJ Det. Elizabeth Ponte

gwinnet County Police Officer Antwan Toney

Newman Police, CA Sgt. Ronil "Ron" Singh

Selma AL Police Officer Michael Hale

Dickson County, TN Deputy Sgt. Daniel Scott Baker

Anne Arrundel, MD, Det. Scott Ballard

Anne Arrundel, MD, Det. Ian Preece

Pittsburg, PA Corporal Charles Galloway

ATF Special Agent Carlos Valles

Columbus Police Officer Blake Andrews







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The NPDF expanded the "Safe Cop" program to provide critical medical care, financial assistance and death benefits to law enforcement personnel either seriously injured or killed in the line of duty.



2024 NPDF GIVES HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO ECUADORIAN POLICE SERGEANT ROLAN GUILLERMO GARCIA GONZALEZ

In June 2024, the National Police Defense Foundation received a request from the Ecuadorian National Police requesting humanitarian assistance for Police Sergeant Rolan Guillermo Garcia Gonzalez whose leg had to be amputated as the result of a hit and run incident in 2008. The NPDF arranged for the purchase a new prosthetic which enabled the sergeant to participate in Paralytic sporting activities. This greatly enhanced the Sergeant's ability to compete, carry out his official police duties and once again, have the quality of life he deserves.



2024 Safe Cop Journal Addendum Re: ATF Special Agent Carlos Valles

On August 30th, 2023, undercover ATF Special Agent Carlos Valles went to a residence in a city near New Orleans for the purpose of purchasing Fentanyl as part of a drug investigation. After entering the apartment, several suspects entered the room with guns drawn where they ordered Valles and his informant to lie on the ground in an effort to execute them. In order to escape, they jumped off the apartment's third floor balcony sustaining pernicious injuries where he underwent extensive emergency surgery. The NPDF responded by creating the "Carlos Valles Family Support Fund" in order to assist Carlos' family in defraying the high cost of out-of-state travel and lodging, which included a handicapped equipped van during his rehabilitation. Through the generosity of NPDF donors, the NPDF raised over \$180,000 to benefit of S/A Valles and his family.



NPDF FUNDS FUNERAL FOR HERO DHS CUSTOMS AGENT KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

The National Police Defense Foundation (NPDF) established the CBP Marine Interdiction Agent Michel Maceda, who was killed in the line of duty on November 17, 2022. The hero agent was shot and killed during a maritime narcotics interdiction operation near Cabo Rojo, Puerto Rico. He and two other agents intercepted a vessel they believed to be transporting narcotics. One of the occupants of the vessel opened fire on the agents as they began to board it. All three agents and both suspects were shot during the ensuing melee. Over thirteen hundred kilograms of cocaine were recovered from the boat the agents were attempting to board. The NPDF came to the aid of the agents family by paying for the entire cost of his funeral and interment.



DONATION OF SLAIN POLICE DOG TO SLIDELL (LA) POLICE DEPARTMENT

On October 30, 2022, the National Police Defense Foundation established a canine memorial fund for the Slidell, Louisiana Police Department who tragically lost K-9 "Kano" on August 11, 2022 in the line of duty. K-9 Kano were dispatched to a burglary/theft in progress. Upon arrival the suspect fled on foot and entered a wooded area. K-9 Kano tracked the suspect and eventually apprehended him. Shortly thereafter K-9 Kano became lethargic and was having trouble breathing. The dog was rushed to an animal clinic and was diagnosed with spleen cancer. Kano died due to extreme exertion compounded by the cancer. The NPDF donated funds to the Slidell Police Foundation to help donate a new police dog to the department.



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ATF S/A ADAM DANIELS FAMILY SUPPORT FUND

On October 5th, 2021, in Nashville, Tennessee, ATF Special Agent Adam Daniels was shot and critically wounded in an intense gun battle with a gunman who was out on parole at the time. The NPDF at the request of ATF officials established the "S/A Adam Daniels Family Fund" since family members needed funds for out of state travel and lodging in order to provide care for the agent while he underwent months of rehabilitation. The NPDF was successful in raising tens of thousands of dollar through the generosity of its members and supporters, as well as doing a fundraiser in Nashville in February 2022, "Adamfest" where renowned country singers gave a concert to benefit the fund. On May 11, 2022, S/A Daniels was the recipient of the NPDF Valor award at its annual awards dinner. Today, the agent continues to receive rehabilitation that has enabled him to



POLICE OFFICER SCOTTY HAMILTON PIKESVILLE KY POLICE DEPARTMENT

On Tuesday, March 13, 2018, while conducting patrol with other officers, Officer Scotty Hamilton encountered a suspicious vehicle. The area was known for drug-trafficking incidents where officers were maintaining a presence. Officer Hamilton went up an embankment and was shot in the head and pronounced dead at the scene.



DEPUTY SHERIFF SGT. DANIEL SCOTT BAKER DICKSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, TENNESSEE

On May 29, 2018, a male resident in the Sam Vineyard Road area off Tidwell Switch Road reported seeing a suspicious vehicle. Deputy Sheriff Sgt. Daniel Scott Baker responded to the call, but after a period, failed to check in with dispatchers. Officer Baker's vehicle was tracked by GPS, and an officer with another agency was able to find it in a wooded area about two miles away from the initial call. Baker was found dead inside. The NPDF offered to post a \$10,000 reward for the capture of the shooting suspect and the suspect has been apprehended pending prosecution.



POLICE OFFICER TYLER HORN STATESVILLE NC POLICE DEPARTMENT

On June 15, 2018, Officer Tyler Horn and his partner were on foot routine patrol when a man came out of the shadows and shot Officer Horn in the back. His bullet proof vest took the brunt of the qunshot. The officer was taken to Iredell Memorial Hospital, treated and released.



POLICE OFFICER MICHAEL HALE SELMA AL POLICE DEPARTMENT

On September 23, 2018, Michael Hale, a 10-year veteran of the police department, was shot. The bullet penetrated his vest, but did not hit any vital organs. Officer Hale sped away once he realized that he was being ambushed, but due to his injuries, lost control of the vehicle and crashed approximately one block from the ambush location. The injured policeman radioed for helped and a fellow officer rushed him to Vaughn Medical Center in Selma where he was airlifted to a hospital in Birmingham.







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POLICE OFFICER ANTWAN TONEY GWINNET COUNTY GA POLICE DEPARTMENT END OF WATCH: OCTOBER 20,2018

On October 20, 2018, Officer Antwan Toney and his partner were responding to a call regarding a report of people smoking marijuana near the middle school. As the two officers approached the vehicle, shots rang out and Officer Toney was struck. His partner dragged him to safety where he was taken to Gwinnett County Medical Center and was pronounced dead. One assailant was arrested and charged with Aggravated Assault and another assailant is still at large.



NEWMAN CA POLICE CORPORAL RONIL "RON" SINGH NEWMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

On December 27, 2018, Corporal Singh was shot and killed by an illegal immigrant during a traffic stop for a drunk driving investigation. He was shot after radioing that he was pulling over a gray pickup truck with no license plate. The suspect was apprehended and the prosecution is pending.



BLUEFIELD VIRGINIA POLICE OFFICER

On February 16,2019, an unidentified police officer was shot during a routine traffic stop by the passenger of the vehicle. The officer was taken to the hospital and treated for serious, but not life threatening injuries. The driver got out of the vehicle and surrendered, however, the passenger identified as Donquale M. Gray got behind the wheel and sped away. The NPDF was contacted by the U.S. Marshals where the Safe Cop reward was posted and on March 7, 2019 the suspect was reportedly killed during a shootout with federal agents.



ECUADORIAN CORPORAL ANGELICA BORJA

In February 2012, NPDF officials were asked by Police Administrators at the Ecuadorian Police Hospital in Quito to help 30 year old Corporal Angelica Borja who was victim of a "hit & run" accident that occurred in September 2009 during a police stop of a motorist. In August 2012, the NPDF successfully arranged and procured for Corporal Borja a prosthetic limb that enabled her return to Ecuador where she continues to perform her law enforcement duties as a Police Officer.





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ECUADORIAN POLICE CORPORAL NANCY CHOTO

On April 7, 2013, the NPDF at the request of the Commanding General of the Ecuadorian National Police brought into the United States Corporal Nancy Choto for a prosthetic leg after she was the victim of a hit and run accident in May 2012. The injuries led to the amputation of her leg and she was further traumatized when her husband took his life distressed by her injuries and disability. In May 2013, Corporal Choto received her prosthetic leg through the efforts of the NPDF and returned to Ecuador where she continues to perform her law enforcement duties as a Police Officer.



DOMINICAN POLICE COLONEL BIENVENIDO PEREZ (RET)

In April 2018, NPDF Delegate to the Dominican Republic Col. Bienvenido Perez while visiting the United States had a medical emergency. He was admitted to a New Jersey hospital where he was diagnosed for having a 99% blockage of his Carotid artery, which would have resulted in a stroke and or heart attack. NPDF officials immediately arranged for their delegate to undergo an emergency operation that is credited for saving his life. The NPDF also established a medical fund and arranged for full payment of his medical treatment in the United States.





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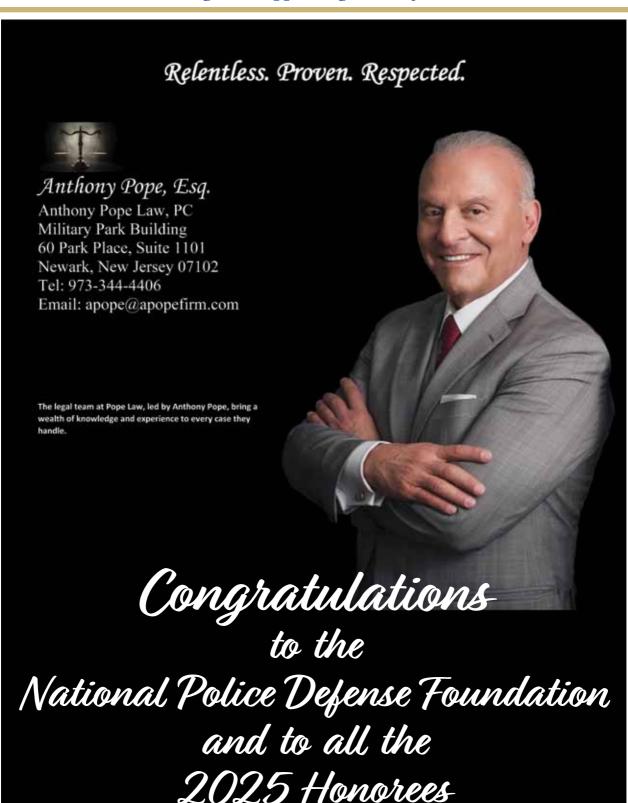
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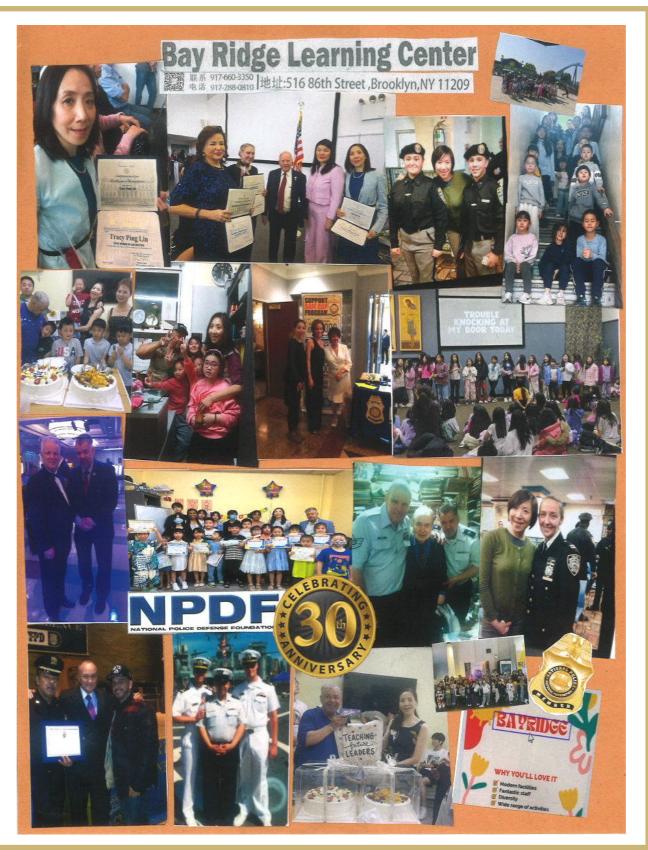
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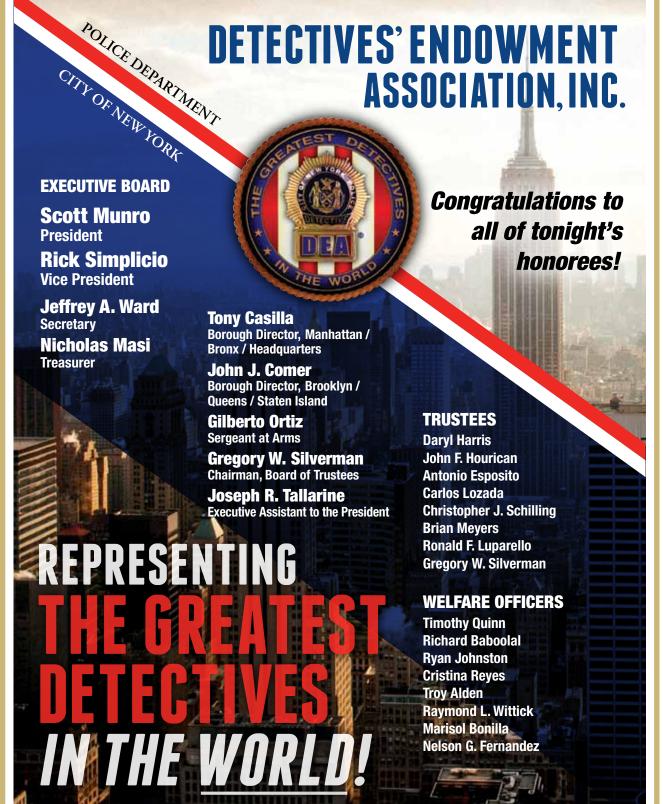
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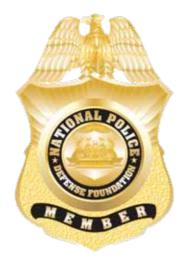
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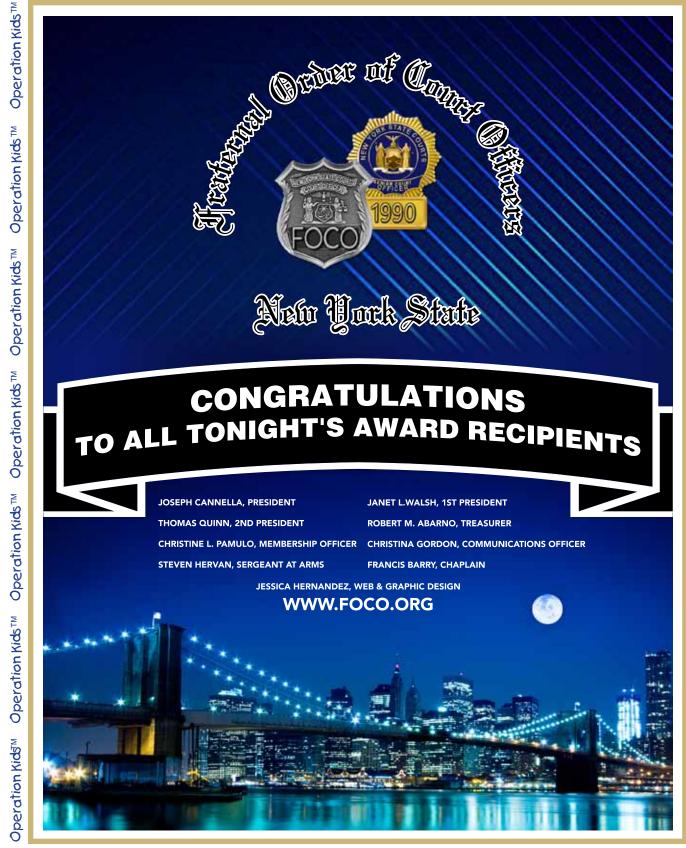
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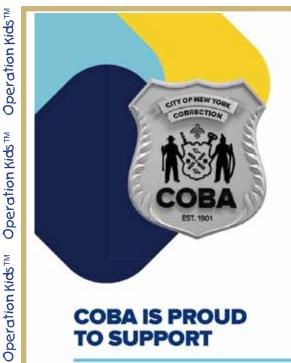
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1998 NPDF ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

Special Achievement Awards Law Enforcement Service Award

2000 NPDF ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

Man of the Year Special Achievement Award Operation Kids Humanitarian Award Robert Donno, Chairman, Gift of Life Hon. Hernan Holquin Consul General of Ecuador

2001 NPDF ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

Man of the Year
Profiles in Courage Award
Special Achievement Awards
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Detective Sam Gribbin
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2002 NPDF ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

Man of the Year Woman of the Year Profiles in Courage Award Special Achievement Award Oper. Kids Special Achievement Special Unit Citation Award

2003 NPDF ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

Woman of the Year Man of the Year Special Achievement Award Profiles in Courage Award Detective Jeffrey Scott Hornoff Narcotic Agent Dennis McKeefery

2004 NPDF ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

Woman of the Year Man of the Year Lifetime Achievement Award

2005 NPDF ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

Man of the Year Special Achievement Award Special Achievement Award Lifetime Achievement Award Group Achievement Award

2006 NPDF ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

Man of the Year Woman of the Year Lifetime Achievement Award President's Award Distinguished Member Award Sean Hannity Curtis Sliwa Bob Grant Al Guart Tappy Phillips Rev. William "Bill" Kalaidijian

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2008 NPDF ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

Man of The Year Woman of The Year Lifetime Achievement Award President's Award Distinguished Member Award

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2010 NPDF ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER Man of the Year Woman of the Year Lifetime Achievement Award President's Award Excellence in Media Award Distinguished Member Award

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111th Congress- 2nd session 2010 District Attorney of Nassau County N.Y.P.D. Detective (Ret) 1st Lt. U.S. Army Reserves President Orange County Shields Fox 5 News Anchor PO, New York City Police Department (Ret)

2011 NPDF ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

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2012 NPDF ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

Man of the Year Lifetime Achievement Award President's Award Distinguished Member Award Excellence in Media Award

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2013 NPDF ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

Man of the Year Humanitarian Award Lifetime Achievement Award Valor Award Profiles in Courage Award Legislator of the Year Members Of The Year

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Man of the Year President's Award Lifetime Achievement Award Distinguished Member Award Legislator of the Year Award Profiles in Courage Award

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Man of the Year 2015 Excellence in Media Award President's Award Lifetime Achievement Award

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Man of the Year Woman of the Year President's Award Distinguished Member Award

2017 NPDF ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

Person of the Year Lifetime Achievement Award President's Award Distinguished Member Award Citizen Valor Award

2018 NPDF ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

Man of the Year Lifetime Achievement Award President's Award FEF Administrators Award Member of the Year Businessman of the Year Profile in Courage Award

2019 NPDF ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

Person of the Year Lifetime Achievement Award President's Award Citizen of the Year Award Distinguished Member Award Operation Kids Humanitarian Awards

2021 NPDF ANNUAL AWARDS DINNERWoman of the Year

Man of the Year Legislator of the Year Award President's Award Law Enforcement Group Achievement Award

2022 NPDF ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

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Legislator of the Year Award
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2023 NPDF ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

Person of the Year Life Time Achievement Award Business Person of the Year Award Media In Excellence Award Valor Award

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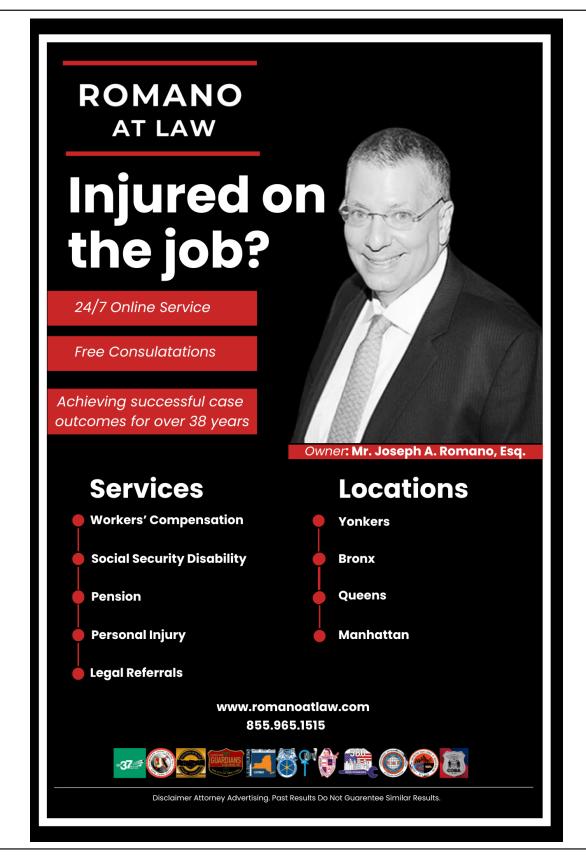
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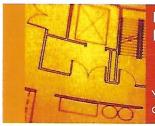
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